COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, *the* *5th of August 1931.*
20th of Karkadagam 1106.

The House met at half-past Eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. T. Mathew, C. A. Ouseph and P. K. Subramania Ayyar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Applications from Legislative Council Members for Government Posts.

41. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Members of the present Legislative Council who have applied for Government posts ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No formal application for a Government post has been received from any Member of the Council since the Council met.

Enquiry regarding payments to Police.

42. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether enquiries were made by the Commissioner of Police on the petition to the Diwan, dated 24th Chingam 1105, regarding illegal payments to the police by the Ollur Church ;

if so, how the petition was finally disposed of ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Please see the answers to question Nos. 1 and 2 of the Legislative Session of 1105.

Distilling.

43. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what will be the gain in expense if the distilling by the Government be stopped ;

(2) what is the net gain to the Government by the trade in arrack ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Distilling is not done by the Government. The privilege of distilling and supply has

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been let on contract and these are done by the contractor under Government supervision.

(2) The amount varies according to the increase or decrease in the rentals and in the consumption of arrack. The net gain on an average will be 3½ lakhs.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is this amount of 3½ lakhs after taking the distillery charges?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is that amount?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Rs. 3,400.

Committee relating to Management of Aided Schools.

44. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Committee mentioned as No. 13 in Appendix 4 in answer to Question No. 490 of the Legislative Session of 1106 was constituted;

(b) what led to the appointment of the Committee;

(c) what were the points of reference to the Committee;

(d) what was the Committee's report?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) On 26th August 1929.

(b) As the result of a resolution passed by the Cochin Teachers' Association at its second General Assembly held at Ernakulam in 1104.

(c) To take evidence in camera and suggest ways and means to put a stop to the corrupt practices reported to be existing in some aided schools.

(b) The Committee's report was that corrupt practices were prevalent in certain aided schools regarding the payment of the salaries of teachers, the appointment of teachers, the marking of attendance and the marking of false attendance of Depressed Class pupils and sending in bills for the supply of clothes, school requisites, etc., to them.

Measures to combat Economic Depression.

45. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have taken any measures to combat economic depression in the State?

(2) If so, what are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(2) Yes.

(2) Vide D. P. C. No. 1772/1106, dated 24th January 1931 and 11th March 1931, appended. (*Appendix I*).

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